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1. KIM DONG-JO TESTIMONY. PRESS GIVES FRONTPAGE
COVERAGE TO "FREQUENT CONTACT AMONG ROKG OFFICIALS" OVER
TESTIMONY QUESTION AND RECENT CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS,
REPORTING 3/27 ONE HOUR MEETING BETWEEN FORMIN AND
AMB. KIM YONG-SIK AND 3/28 MEETING OF PM, KIM YONG-SIK
AND "OTHERS". TONGA AND CHUNGANG ILBO QUOTE ROKG SOURCE
THAT 1) CONGRESSMEN ARE PREPARING LETTER TO ROKG ON
TESTIMONY DEMAND; 2) ROKG SHOULD SEEK TO PREVENT IN
ADVANCE SUCH A LETTER WHICH WOULD BE "MISTAKE ON PART
OF CONGRESS"; 3) ROKG HAS NOT CONSIDERED ANY OTHER MEANS
OF MEETING CONGRESSIONAL DEMAND; 4) ROKG POSITION OF
QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY IS UNCHANGED; 5) ROKG
IS CAREFULLY CONSIDERING ERTEL RESOLUTION. GOVT-OWNED
SEOUL SINMUN COVERAGE IS NOTABLY DIFFERENT: CITING NO
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SOURCES, SEOUL SINMUN SAYS "IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT
WHILE FIRMLY MAINTAINING POSITION ON DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY,
ROKG IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING WAYS TO SATISFY CONGRESSIONAL
DEMAND." "IT IS KNOWN THAT KIM DONG-JO WANTS TO CLARIFY
THE BIASED VERSION OF PTS AFFAIR WHICH THE CONGRESS HAS"
AND TO THIS END "KIM DONG-JO MAY ANSWER CONGRESSIONAL
QUESTIONS BY A PRIVATE LETTER". THIS IS FIRST KOREAN

SPECULATION ON AMB KIM AGREEING TO LETTER RESPONSE AND STRANGELY COMES FROM SEOUL SINMUN.

3. AMB. SNEIDER. SMALL FRONTPAGE ORIENT PRESS WIRE SERVICE QUOTING DOS CANNON DENYING REPORTS THAT ANY INFORMAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR DOS GLEYSTEN TO REPLACE AMB SNEIDER. OP QUOTES CANNON "THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION MADE CONCERNING REPLACEMENT FOR AMB SNEIDER."

4. TROOP WITHDRAWAL. SMALL FRONTPAGE OP REPORT THAT REP. J. HERBERT BURKE SUBMITTED TO HOUSE EA/PACIFIC SUB-CMTE 3/28 STATEMENT OPPOSING TROOP WITHDRAWAL.

5. US MILITARY. MODERATE COVERAGE WITHOUT COMMENT ON LA TIMES REPORT THAT MILITARY STRENGTH IN PACIFIC IS AT LOWEST POINT SINCE 1941.

6. NK CRITICISM OF PRES. MINOR COVERAGE WITHOUT COMMENT TO NODONG SINMUN'S ATTACK ON CARTER. SNEIDER

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